



The Ackerman Family - Missionaries to Bolivia

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please forgive us for our lack of communication. It seems to us that the weeks are soaring past.

God continues to bless the ministry opportunities that He gives us and has been enabling us to reach out to 3 new communities. We have been visiting monthly a small village school in Ciriminuelas, about an hour out in the country by invitation. Here we have presented the Gospel freely to the children and staff there and they continue to invite us back. This month we were invited to begin a Bible study (discipleship) en Sella, a village across the river, by a family there and are going there every Sunday afternoon. Praise the Lord, this week a young lady received the Lord Jesus as her Savior and she is from Lajas, another neighboring pueblo, so we have begun a discipleship with her.

We are in our 14th week of RU lessons. For now it is mostly the people from the church here in San Lorenzo though we have a few visitors from time to time. Last Friday we had 9 adults in attendance and 4 children.

Construction on our house across the river has been affording some great opportunities to witness in the new community named "El Barranco" where we will be living hopefully around the end of this year. As you may recall, we sold our house in Alaska before coming to the mission field and had set aside the funds for a new home here, which we are using to build with. Since we arrived in Bolivia in May of 2006 we have been renting a place to live.

There will be a 4-day conference coming up from the 23rd of Sept to the 26th for which we will be taking all of those who want to go from the church. The theme is "A Vision to Grow". So we are praying for a good attendance. That is a matter of prayer not only for the conference, but also for the believers here in general. We are seeing baby steps of growth followed by a step back and would so love to see these people get serious about their walk with the Lord.

During our Wednesday night Bible study we have been learning "how" to study the Bible using several basic principals for discerning the Word of God. We thought this was necessary as so many today take the Word of God out of its context or don't understand it; so they bring their verses and we use the Bible, the principals learned and study together.

9/17/2013 **Prayer requests** Wisdom and strength for us to keep up with the ministry; The RU ministry in San Lorenzo; continue to pray for the young lady Yuli who has strayed from Christ, Salvation of Jean Paul and his family, someone or a family to help us in the ministry here, faithfulness and commitment for the believers in San Lorenzo and Canasmoro; Conference 9/23-9/26 and for Pastor Salazar who will be preaching; Our children in the USA would make wise decisions

Praises: A young couple has committed to clean the church for 6 months; New opportunities to minister in neighboring villages; Salvation of Yocelin;

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For His Glory, Matt. 5:16.

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